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1. The 8,200 x 10,000-foot airfield was located on a plateau northeast of RUSTAVI (45°2' E/41°32' N), Georgian SSR. From the landings observed in the vicinity it was inferred that at least two or three other fields were located nearby.
2. The field was an improvised airfield without concrete runways or taxiways. The 100x165-foot repair shops of sheet metal were on the northern side of the field. There were wooden cantonment buildings for quartering air force soldiers farther to the north.
3. There was flying in all weather. On some days only parachuting individually and in groups up to 20 men was observed.
4. Fifty to sixty parked aircraft were counted on some days. An average of 15 to 20 aircraft was stationed at the field. Half of the parked aircraft were twin-engine bombers with double rudder assembly, two retractable nose wheels, and inline engines. The following aircraft were also observed there:
- a. Fighter trainers with angular wings, similar to the Me 109
- b. About 10 single-engine Martin bombers.
- c. 4 to 6 biplanes.
5. Individual and formation flying with up to two hundred aircraft was observed. The formations were composed of:
- a. 150 twin-engine bombers.
- b. 20 - 30 Martin bombers
- c. 20 - 30 fighters.
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25X1  Comment:

a. The observed airfield is probably the KARADZHALAR airfield located about 10,000 feet northeast of RUOTAVI. It is considered credible that this field, which was not improved, is used as an improvised airfield by training units. The following airfields are located in that vicinity: RUOTAVI, VAZIANI, SARTICHALA, and TBILISI.

b. The observed bomber aircraft were probably of the lend-lease B-25 type which has been definitely identified on other fields of the Georgian SSR.

c. It is not clear which aircraft type is meant by the single-engine Martin bomber. The observed plane is perhaps an I-2 or an IL-10.

d. The combined practice of various branches of service indicates that army air force units are stationed at the field.

e. From the observed parachuting it is inferred that parachutists are being trained at the RUOTAVI airfield.

f. Further information is required to clarify the field occupation.

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